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1. A revival of the pro-peace movement in Peru has been reported after a period of several months in which this type of Communist-inspired activity was almost completely dormant.
2. The Communist-line weekly publication 1950, edited by Genaro Carnero Checa, who has himself been prominent in pro-peace activities, announced on 23 May the organization of the Comite Provisional de Partidarios de la Paz (Provisional Committee of Partisans of Peace). [REDACTED] this is a Communist-front organization which has evolved from the old Comite de Intelectuales formed last year after the Ecuadoran Communist intellectual Enrique Gil Gilbert visited Lima.
3. The members of the new provisional committee and available information on them are as follows:
 - a. Dr. Jose Uriel Garcia - former senator from Cuzco and former professor at the University of Cuzco, a well-known Communist sympathizer and one of the staunch supporters of the pro-peace congress held in Mexico City. Uriel Garcia is now residing in the Lima suburb of Miraflores, Jiron Grimaldo del Solar No. 113, where he holds frequent meetings concerning the pro-peace movement.
 - b. Dr. Benjamin Samame - a Communist sympathizer who is reported to be a member of the Lima committee of the Liga Democratica Nacional. A second source reports that Samame is a former secretary of Luciano Castillo's Socialist Party. It was Samame who persuaded Castillo to expel Eudocio Ravines from the Socialist Party. Later, however, Castillo also expelled Samame from the party.
 - c. Jorge Falcon - well-known Communist, but according to source he is not on very good terms with the leaders of the orthodox Party because he is "too independent." He publishes the pro-Soviet magazine Hora del Hombre, and has Communist contacts in other Latin American countries and in Europe. He has long been prominent in pro-peace activities.

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- d. Alfredo Mathews - well-known Communist writer, who is the Party's representative on the committee. Mathews is the editor of the international section of 1950.
 - e. Manuel Ramirez - not yet identified although source reports that he has been told that he is a "friend" of the Party.
 - f. Manuel la Torre - another obscure individual but also characterized to source as a Communist sympathizer. Neither Ramirez nor la Torre have been identified with previous pro-peace movements.
4. Coincident with the formation of the provisional committee, 1950 has published a letter signed by Max A. Roer which quotes the appeal for peace made by the World Congress of Partisans of Peace in Stockholm of March of this year.

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